



# Press Release

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **December 23, 2012**

Lt. Michael Reed reported that at 1:18am December 22nd the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to multiple 9-1-1 call hang ups originating from 229 Newell St. in Painesville Township. While in route, responding deputies were advised that there sounds as if there was some type of altercation taking place, however, no person was speaking directly into the line. Deputies were advised that two males and a female could be heard having some type of a struggle, and that dogs could be heard barking in the background.

As deputies arrived, it was quickly learned that a 24 year old black male, identified as Delonta L. Gilree, had been stabbed in his chest and abdominal area. Painesville Township fire department was immediately dispatched to the scene to tend to Mr. Gilree. A 19 year old white male, identified as George P. Caldwell, was found to be on scene, and was determined to be the person that had stabbed Mr. Gilree. Mr. Caldwell readily disclosed that he and Mr. Gilree had been involved in a physical altercation and that he had stabbed Mr. Gilree. Mr. Caldwell also readily turned over the folding knife that he had used to stab Mr. Gilree to deputies on scene.

Mr. Gilree was rushed to Tri-Point ER and then transferred via Lifeflight to Metro General Hospital where he underwent surgery to repair internal injuries. Mr. Gilree remains in the intensive care unit at Metro General. Mr. Caldwell was also transported to Tri-Point ER where he was treated and released for superficial injuries he had sustained during the altercation. Mr. Caldwell was taken into custody after being treated and transported to the Lake County Jail. Mr. Caldwell was booked into the jail for charges of Felonious Assault and Underage Consumption.

The incident remains under investigation and Mr. Caldwell is scheduled to be arraigned on the noted charges on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>.

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